

not longer avail ourselves of this service, would appreciate your advising us as to what procedure may be followed in the future to guarantee receipt of authentic information relative to foreign medical school credentials.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS,
State of California.

By C. B. PINKHAM, M. D.,
Secretary-Treasurer.

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Department of State

American Consulate General

Berlin, Germany,
July 9, 1938.

Dr. C. B. Pinkham,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Board of Medical Examiners,
State of California,
420 State Office Building,
Sacramento, California.

Sir:—The receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated June 24, 1938, in which you request this office to verify whether one —, M. D., received a medical diploma from the Friedrich Wilhelm University at Berlin, how long he studied medicine there, and whether he is licensed to practice medicine in Germany. It is noted that this information is desired in connection with Doctor —'s application to practice as a physician and surgeon in the State of California.

In reply I regret to have to inform you that this Consulate General is not in a position to obtain such information for aliens. It is suggested that the interested person have relatives or an agent here, such as a lawyer, obtain the necessary documents proving his allegations. These documents can be obtained from the pertinent authorities on the payment of the usual fees and in turn can be duly authenticated by this office (on the receipt of the prescribed fees) for use in the United States. As of possible assistance there are enclosed a list of American attorneys in Berlin and a list of German attorneys.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) RAYMOND H. GEIST,
American Consul.

Subject: California Society for the Promotion of Medical Research.*

August 18, 1938.

Editor, CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE.

In the August issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE you printed a list of seventy-nine organizations endorsing the campaign against the proposed State Humane Pound Act.

This number has now increased to one hundred twenty-eight, a list of those not published being attached.

Very sincerely yours,

WILLIAM F. BENEDICT,
State Campaign Director.

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LIST OF ADDITIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ENDORSING WORK OF
CALIFORNIA SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF MEDICAL
RESEARCH FOR THE DEFEAT OF PROPOSED
"STATE HUMANE POUND ACT"

California Tuberculosis Association
American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental
Therapeutics
Certified Milk Producers' Association of America
American Genetic Association
American Psychiatric Association
National Tuberculosis Association
American Society for Experimental Pathology
American Society of Medical Technologists

* Office at 369 Pine Street, San Francisco. Telephone Sutter 8118.

American Society for the Control of Cancer
National Gastroenterological Association
American Board of Pathology
American Association of Railway Surgeons
Eastern Surgical Society
American Association of the History of Medicine
American Society of Naturalists
Agricultural Council of California
Oklahoma Academy of Science
Pacific Physical Therapy Association
California Cattlemen's Association
Association for the Advancement of Industrial Medicine and Surgery
North Dakota Academy of Science
American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology
Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States
Association for the Study of Allergy
American Association of Orthodontists
California Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation
Illinois State Academy of Science
Indiana Academy of Science
American Association of Neuropathologists
American Medical Association, Woman's Auxiliary
American Veterinary Medical Association
American Orthopaedic Association
American Association of Immunologists
Bureau of Hotels, Restaurants and Purveyors
San Francisco Restaurant Association
Southern California Retail Druggists' Association
Jewish Consumptive and Expatients' Relief Association
Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce
Dried Fruit Association of California
Italian Legion
American Chemical Society, Pacific Intersectional Division
American Meteorological Society
American Physical Society
American Society of Plant Physiologists, Western Division
Astronomical Society of the Pacific
Northwest Scientific Association
Oceanographic Society of the Pacific
San Diego Society of Natural History
Seismological Society of America
Western Society of Soil Science
Academy of Physical Medicine
French Mutual Benevolent Society
California Fruit Growers Exchange

MEDICAL JURISPRUDENCE †

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Reports and Certificates Required of Physicians and Surgeons by Various Statutes

During the normal course of a physician's practice, it often becomes necessary to fill out and file reports and certificates of one kind or another.

It is believed that a review of the essential requirements relating to some of the more common reports and certificates may be helpful to practicing physicians and surgeons.

Usually a report or certificate is required because of the provisions of a statute. Sometimes, as in the case of insurance applications or reports, it is a purely voluntary act to aid a patient. In the following discussion only reports and certificates required by a law or statute will be considered.

Reporting of Injuries Inflicted by Violence

Under the terms of a statute enacted in 1929 (Deering's General Laws, Act 3431) it is the duty of every physician or surgeon who has under his charge or care a person suffering from a wound or injury inflicted by means of a knife, gun, pistol or other deadly weapon to submit a report both by telephone and in writing to the chief of police, city marshal, town marshal or other head of the police department of the city or town within which the injured person is found. If the patient resides in a rural area, the report must be made to the sheriff of the county. This statute must be complied with if the injury is self-inflicted or

† Editor's Note.—This department of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, presenting copy submitted by Hartley F. Peart, Esq., will contain excerpts from and syllabi of recent decisions and analyses of legal points and procedures of interest to the profession.